



QCWA HOT-LINE REPORT

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HOT NOTES FOR THE HOT LINE REPORT

(From the President)

In another part of this issue you will find the results of the nominating committee's efforts for the 1994 QCWA election. This committee had the most difficult job in our history because they had to develop a list of candidates to fill four officer posts as well as all ten director slots. This requirement came about when the Board adopted the plan for an election every other year which covers the entire slate rather than the split of four officers and five directors and then five directors in the alternate year.

If you wish to nominate a candidate or candidates of your own choice, the procedure is very simple. Nominations can be accepted from the membership via petition from now until the end of the year. Signatures of at least 25 members in good standing are required and please be certain that any candidate you may name is able and willing to serve. Send petitions to Secretary W4HU.

A number of persons have asked why my name is not listed for this election. The answer is very simple and is very much respected by me. It is a policy of the QCWA that the president may succeed himself only once, resulting in a maximum of two consecutive two year terms. In order to start out the new every-other-year procedure on an even note for all new electees, it was necessary to extend the terms of all officers and five directors by a year. Therefore, it has been my privilege to have five years as QCWA President and it has been a very rewarding experience. My term ends next year on the 31st of August.

Please take an active interest in the affairs of QCWA. We are a very dynamic organization strongly involved with Amateur Radio and its future. The Board is your voice and its membership must be of vital concern to each and every member. It is a pleasure to work with individuals of such dedication to QCWA and Amateur Radio. Keep the Board strong with your vote! 73...

Harry, W2HD

NAMES IN THE NEWS

In the September 1993 issue of QST, page 55, a report of the ARRL Board meeting on July 16-17, 1993 under a heading "... Board of Directors recognizes the following Field Organization volunteers of the Year for 1992."

Among those listed, there appeared the following QCWA members:
Northwestern Division, Merle McLaughlin, W7DNY
Rocky Mountain Division, Donald J. Grab, K5BIS

Just goes to prove that our QCWA members are active in many facets of amateur radio, this being one of the many.

Congratulations to all the volunteers.

CHAPTER TREASURER

It has recently come to my attention that we should issue a notice of caution to all Chapters, the President and the Secretary/Treasurer. Most all Chapters have some finances and have these in a bank usually under a checking account. Please check how the signatures are recorded for this account. There should be two signatures (although you may require only one signature to sign checks) and those signatures should be updated each time there is an election of officers for the Chapter.

The problem? A chapter had an account but it was under the Treasurer's name (he died) and now we may have to get a court order for the bank to release the funds that rightfully belong to the chapter.

The solution? Have the account in the name of the Treasurer, but have two names. Should there be a change due to election or to the death of one of the signatures, you only have to have a meeting of the Chapter, adopt a resolution to appoint a new person to replace the former member, take that to the bank and they will have you sign the signature cards and everything is taken care of properly.

Please .. take good look at how you are handling your finances for the Chapter.

CANDIDATES FOR 1994 ELECTION

At the time of this writing, we still have until December 31, 1993 to receive petitions of nomination for persons who wish to be candidates for the Board of Directors. However, at this time we have the following members on the candidate list:

For President	Lew McCoy, W1ICP
For V. Pres.	Jack Kelleher, W4ZC
For Sect:	Gladys Chase, W1VPF
	John Swafford, W4HU
For Treas:	Wes Randles, W4COW

For Director: Incumbents

Walt Brink, W3WPY
Milt Chaffee, W1EFW
John Edel, K8LBZ
John Huntoon, W1RW
John Troster, W6ISQ

For Director: New candidates

Sam Beraducci, W1IWB
Gary Harrison, WA RWS
Larry Shima, W PAN
Croft Taylor, VE3CT
Amelia Wise, W5OVH
Edward Yoder, W3TMB

For a petition, we need it signed by twenty-five (25) current members and it must be at Headquarters by December 31, 1993 or in the hands of the Secretary by that time.



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PROGRAMS

On the QCWA BBS are several file areas. One of these areas has a file called "TSET53.EXE". This is a neat program for those of us that need accurate time in our computer system. Especially those who are working the satellites.

Bob Myers, W1XT, called attention to this in his latest issue of OSCAR Satellite Report for August 1, 1993. I hurriedly checked our BBS file area and sure enough we had it posted there for your use.

This is a program which interfaces with your modem. After all is ready, you call this program into action. It uses the modem, dials Boulder or Washington DC, connects with the time standard, downloads the data and hangs up. It takes about four seconds and so you pay for a one minute call.

Now it goes into action. It updates the computer time clock and when you call up a program that needs this accurate time, you can also tune in WWV and watch the two time frames, in dead step with each other. With the upcoming satellite operations it is more and more important to have some accurate time available. You can have the time in several formats, including GMT, if you wish. The file when run breaks down into necessary files to handle and to document the program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

In 1994 we will have our first election of a complete Board of Directors. This will be held every other year in an effort to reduce the election expenses. The Nominating Committee has worked hard to develop a list of candidates and turned in their final report at the end of July 1993. There remains one more avenue to candidates who might wish to become Board members. That is by way of a petition. This requires twenty-five members to sign asking that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot. This petition must be in the hands of the National Secretary by the 31st of December, 1993. Here is your chance to experience some of the decision making that goes on in a Board meeting.

There is some expense to this job of being on the Board. First, twice a year you must transport yourself to a Board meeting. One is in April and the other is the annual convention meeting in the late Fall. At these meetings your Hotel expense is reimbursed on the basis of a single occupancy and in the Fall meeting you get some reimbursement for several meal functions. You do have a modest budget to take care of postage, telephone calls and photocopying activity.

Amateur Radio has given you a great deal, give some of yourself back for Amateur Radio. In some areas this is referred to as "paying your dues". Whatever you wish to call it, it is a rewarding experience and well worth the time and expense.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

I do not know how many times this has been written about in the QCWA Journal, and also in the Hot Line Report (which goes to all the Chapter officers), but here goes again.

We have just experienced an irate telephone call from a lady who was not eligible for membership even though she had years of radio experience, she was not licensed until 1991. Our requirements are that the applicant must have been licensed at least twenty-five years ago and currently be licensed. This lady was signed up at a booth here in the Northwest by people who certainly should have known the requirements, but did not convey them properly to this applicant. We returned her check and application with a nice note advising why she was not eligible. Thusly the telephone call.

The people who do the badges for our Board members really produce a nice article and they are interested in producing a product for our members. To that end I now have a sample to show the Board and we will probably have some notice in the next QCWA Journal.

QSL card orders continue to arrive and so far this has been a good deal for our members with a fine card being produced. Also, T-Shirts/Sweatshirt orders continue to arrive at Headquarters. A combined order form (QSL and T-Shirt) has been produced as a hand-out for hamventions, and if any people would like to have some, drop me a line. Better yet, ask for a 'care package' for the next hamvention you intend to visit and set up a booth. We package a number of items together and send them to you so you can take care of members as well as new prospective members. Please allow a couple weeks notice so the package can arrive in time.

Secretaries... remember that each month there is posted a file of NEW members on the BBS. Check in and down-load the file, check it out and see if you can find some new members in your area. If you haven't experienced a BBS with your computer give it a try. Get a good modem program and your life will be easier and your results will be quicker. In some respects this is not all that expensive to do, it is quick and if there is a need to answer we can get it out, generally the same day. Plus, it is a fun thing to do and results are great.

DUES CHANGES/ NEW MATERIALS

Do not forget that on October 1st, 1993 the three year dues changed for all members with a US ZIP code. The three year dues are now \$35.00.

At the same time we had to change the price of the lapel pin with the number of years you have been licensed from \$10.00 to \$15.00. The plain lapel pin is still \$10.00.

We had to obtain a supply of decals and the new ones are of a vinyl material, they can be placed on the bumper or outside window and are weatherproof. They can also be used on a notebook cover, which we could not do with the older style. Also, new embroidered patches have been received and they are quite an improvement over the previous model. Order some for a Chapter meeting. \$1.00 decals, \$5.00 patches



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SK REPORTING

One of our problems is adequate notification to Headquarters of a Silent Key member. We do get these reports over the air on the Sunday net, but I am certain we are not receiving all of the notification that we should.

For those in the Chapters, please let us have name, call and date of death as promptly as possible. For At-Large members, let us know of any silent keys.

Even if the individual is a delinquent member, give us the information. Sometimes there may be a question as to whether he is a member, don't hesitate, give us the information and we will sort it out here at Headquarters.

The reason I make this plea to you is that we have discovered a number of members still carried on the active rolls who are SK. Some of these have been reported, but for some reason they were not marked in the files. I cannot help but wonder who is enjoying their publications.

So, PLEASE, report the SKs to us and give us all the information you can for our file. One of the reasons QCWA exists is to honor those that have gone before us.

QCWA JOURNAL ON TAPE

Our sight-impaired members just cannot enjoy the Journal. It is up to you active sighted members to tell them of this very valuable and special service offered by QCWA.

Put a notice in your newsletter and remind members on the nets that if they know of a sight-impaired member who would like to have the QCWA Journal on tape cassette, write to Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, 6002 N. Fremont, Tampa FL 33604.

If you could read some of the notes we receive from these people it would make you search out the sight-impaired in our ranks and let us know about them.

Currently we have some 70 people receiving the tapes at no expense. Surely there must be some more out there in our membership.

Can you help us? **Can you help them?** Sure you can. !!

Send a note to Blanche Randles, or send the note to us at Headquarters, whichever way you notify us is not important, but just get us the information. The tapes are very well done and our reader is a Life member of QCWA, Father Tom Carten, K1PZU, who recently was awarded the 1993 Jules Schick award for Outstanding Service, for 22 years of service to the blind.

ST PETERSBURG CONVENTION

A wonderful time was experienced by all of the members that attended the St Petersburg convention the last weekend of October. For the most part the weather was excellent until the last two days.

About two hundred members attended and participated in the well-planned activities.

The convention honored the surviving members of the original charter membership. They impressed everyone with their vitality and interest. In addition to the older folks there were a large number of younger people, who were all members, and everyone enjoyed making contacts with old friends and making some new friends.

Our congratulations to the entire convention crew for an excellent job. Next year the convention will be in El Paso and they will be telling us more in future pages of the QCWA Journal.

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was very productive and everyone participated in some great work sessions. Our new Journal editor attended and offered some refreshing views about the QCWA Journal to arrive in December.

By that time we will have coded all our membership to ZIP + four, which gives us a better bulk mailing price and also helps to make delivery better for our membership. This only applies in the US area.

We discussed the Chapter report form and print-out of the members attached for each Chapter. This will get into the mails during the month of November and the report will be due in the Headquarters office by January 31, 1994. This year, we will also enclose a listing of all At Large members in each state so that the Chapters can make some contact with these members and invite them to join into the Chapter activities. Remember this return of the Chapter Report is the basis of the annual listing of all Chapters and their secretaries.

Early in the coming year another mailing to the Chapters will be made with a list of all delinquent members in a given state so that, once again, the Chapters can invite those people back into active membership.

Again, remember us when you move from one place to another. Tell us where you are going and when you make another move let us know again and what the new address is going to be at the new place. We do our best to maintain current, accurate records and with your help and assistance we can do it even better.

This year, so far, has produced two new Chapters. They are:

Messila Valley Chapter #186

Golden Isles Chapter #187

At this time there are two more possibilities of new Chapters before the end of the year.

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